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CONVERSION DEVICE



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

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1. Japanese Patent Kokai No. 7-107461, published April 21, 1995.
2. Japanese Patent Kokai No. 7-288804, published October 31, 1995.
3. Japanese Patent Kokai No. 8-11870, published April 30, 1996.
4. Japanese Patent Kokai No. 10-32830, published February 3, 1998.
5. Japanese Patent Kokai No. 10-336672, published December 18, 1998.
6. Japanese Patent Kokai No. 11-285002, published October 15, 1999.
7. Japanese Patent Kokai No. 8-251587, published September 27, 1996.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

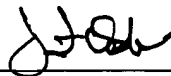
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